## ELC 5.5 DISCOVERY BEFORE FORMAL COMPLAINT

- (a) Procedure. Before filing a formal complaint, disciplinary counsel may depose either a respondent lawyer or a witness, or issue requests for admission to the respondent. To the extent possible, CR 30 or 31 applies to depositions under this rule. CR 36 governs requests for admission.
- (b) Subpoenas for Depositions. Disciplinary counsel may issue subpoenas to compel the respondent's or a witness's attendance, or the production of books, documents, or other evidence, at a deposition. Subpoenas must be served as in civil cases in the superior court and may be enforced under rule 4.7.
- (c) Cooperation. Every lawyer must promptly respond to discovery requests from disciplinary counsel.

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